Gilbert Arizona First Program Year Action Plan

The CPMP First Year Annual Action Plan includes the <u>SF 424</u> and Narrative Responses to Action Plan questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations. The Executive Summary narratives are optional.

GENERAL

Executive Summary: Program Year 1 Action Plan

Gilbert is a rapidly growing suburban community located in the larger Phoenix, Arizona metropolitan area. Citizen participation was encouraged through numerous notices, invitations, announcements and presentations. Comments were incorporated in the planning process. The Town Council determines priorities and allocates funds after receiving recommendations from staff and the Community Services Committee advisory board. Staff monitor contract performance and provide technical assistance as necessary to ensure community needs and federal requirements are met. Applications and contracts require providers to report performance measurement including outcomes and indicators.

Gilbert's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership activities for 2010-11 are summarized below. This includes all affordable housing, homeless, supportive housing and community development strategies. Gilbert participates in the Maricopa HOME Consortium and takes a regional approach to plan and report housing and homeless activities. The Consortium's Annual Plan includes a complete description of Gilbert's 2010-11 HOME and CDBG funded housing and homeless activities.

A one page table summarizing activities funded by Gilbert is included on page 4.

Housing

Housing needs assessment and activities are coordinated with the Maricopa HOME Consortium. Gilbert supports the following housing activities:

- Emergency and minor repair program- \$250,000, CDBG funds to assist 40 low and moderate income, owner occupied households.
- Sonora Town Major Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction program-\$110,000 in CDBG funds to assist at least one owner occupied household plus \$190,000 in reallocated CDBG funds to assist at least 2 additional households.

Homeless Prevention

Gilbert participates with the Maricopa HOME Consortium and the Maricopa Association of Governments Continuum of Care to support regional solutions to

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homelessness. See the Housing and Community Development categories for information. Gilbert will support the following homeless prevention activities:

In Gilbert:

- Senior Center operation and meals for the elderly and disabled \$116,530 in CDBG plus \$19,507 in General Funds to assist 375 persons.
- \$333,546 in Gilbert General Funds (including \$19,507 above), allocated to 16 local and regional social service organizations assisting the homeless, youth, elderly, disabled, and other low income persons. This amount may be reduced due to budget cuts.

In the East Valley and metro Phoenix area:

- Emergency shelter and support services
- Supportive services for the elderly and disabled
- Youth services including mentoring, foster care, and child abuse prevention

Community Development

Public Services - \$116,530 in CDBG funds

- Senior Center operation and nutrition program for elderly and disabled persons, \$116,530 in CDBG and \$19,507 in General Funds
- \$333,546 in General Funds allocated to 16 social service organizations assisting the homeless, youth, elderly, disabled, and other low income persons. This amount may be significantly reduced due to budget cuts.

Economic Development

- Front Runner Entrepreneur Program- \$80,000 in CDBG funds for technical assistance to help entrepreneurs and small businesses over a 2 year period to create or retain at least 3 low/moderate income jobs by growing their business.
- Human Capital Job Training Program- \$95,337 in CDBG funds to cover job training costs for businesses that move to or expand in Gilbert and create 11 new low / moderate income jobs.

Barrier Removal - \$250,000 in CDBG funds

- Emergency home repair- \$250,000 to assist 40 Gilbert homeowners
- Education and technical assistance on meeting the Americans with Disabilities Act standards

Antipoverty Strategy

The Town of Gilbert addresses poverty by assisting programs that promote independence and self sufficiency for low and moderate income persons. \$541,867 in CDBG and approximately \$200,000 in Gilbert General Funds have been allocated to these activities. See the Anti-Poverty section on page 18 and the Housing, Homeless Prevention and Community Development sections for more information.

- Self sufficiency counseling
- Emergency assistance and homeless prevention
- Information and referral assistance

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- Emergency and minor home repairs and rehabilitation
- Senior Center operation and nutrition program
- Parent education and support to prevent family violence
- Job creation activities

Non-Homeless Special Needs

Approximately \$200,000 in Gilbert General Funds and \$366,530 in CDBG funds have been allocated to the general activities listed below. See the Non-Homless Special Needs section on p. 19 and the Housing and Community Development sections for more information.

- Self sufficiency counseling
- Affordable rental housing
- Emergency assistance and homeless prevention
- Information and referral assistance
- Emergency and minor home repairs and rehabilitation
- Nutrition program and other supportive services for elderly and disabled
- · Classes and counseling for parents at risk of family violence

Performance Measurement System

A Performance Measurement System has been established to report and monitor accomplishments. Goals and objectives for 2010-11 include:

Public Services

Persons will be assisted with the goal of affordability for the objective of creating suitable living environments.

Housing Programs

Persons will be assisted with the goal of availability/accessibility for the objective of creating decent housing.

Economic Development

Persons will be assisted with the goal of sustainability for the objective of creating economic opportunities.

Evaluation of Past Performance

Gilbert made significant progress towards meeting Annual Plan and Consolidated Plan Goals in 2008-09.

- The new \$5 million community and senior center building was completed in November, 2008 using \$1 million in CDBG funds.
- The maximum amount of CDBG allowed was expended to provide public services for 375 persons
- \$185,000 was expended providing emergency and minor rehab assistance to 24 homeowners.

See the 2008-09 CAPER for more information.

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Summary of Funded Activities - First Year Action Plan

CDBG and HOME Funds	2010-11 CDBG	General Funds *	<u>Leverage</u>	<u>Total</u>
Housing				
Community Services of AZ- Emergency / Minor Repair	\$250,000			\$250,000
Town of Gilbert- Sonora Town Housing Rehab and				
Reconstruction (plus \$190,000 in reallocated CDBG)	\$110,000			\$110,000
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Public Services: CDBG- max. of 15%, \$116,530				
Boys & Girls Club- Gilbert Project Learn		\$111,249	\$346,000	\$457,249
Community Services of Ariz. Gilbert CAP		\$123,166	\$200,208	\$323,374
Community Services of AZ- Gilbert Senior Center	\$116,530	\$19,507	\$257,003	\$393,040
Other Activities- homeless, youth, disabled, etc.		\$79,624	\$9,782,886	\$9,862,510
Economic Development:				
Town of Gilbert- Front Runner Entrepreneur Program	\$80,000			\$80,000
Town of Gilbert- Human Capital Program (job training)	\$95,337			\$95,337
Administration and Planning:				
Town of Gilbert Administration and Planning	\$125,000			\$125,000
Total Allocation	\$776,867	\$333,546	\$10,586,097	\$11,696,510

^{*} NOTE: The General Fund amounts shown above are preliminary. Final funding amounts are expected to be approved by Gilbert Town Council in May or June 2010.